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SUBJ: UN VISITING MISSIONS TO PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UN DOCUMENT A/C.4/781 OF DECEMBER 2,
WHICH CONTAINS TEXT OF LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMITE OF 24
TO CHAIRMAN OF FOURTH COMITE, WITH ANNEXED LETTER FROM
PORTUGUESE PERMREP TO CHAIRMAN OF COMITE OF 24. PORTUGUESE
LETTER EXTENDS FORMAL INVITATION FOR A UN VISITING MISSION NAMED BY
COMITE OF 24 TO VISIT "AN OF THE TERRITORIES UNDER
PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION FOR SUCH PERIOD OF TIME AS
MIGHT BE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE". TIMING OF LETTER
DELIBERATELY COINCIDES WITH OPENING OF DECOLONIZATION DEBATE
IN GA PLENARY AND ADDRESSES THERE AND COMITE OF 24 BY
PORTUGUESE MINISTER OF INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION.
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IN CONNEXTIONWITH THE FOURTH COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION

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OF AGENDA ITEMS 23 AND 66, I SHOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE

ATTACHED TEXT OF A LETTER DATED 28 NOVEMBER 1974 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE.

(SIGNED) SALIM AHMED SALIM

CHAIRMAN

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

A N N E X

LETTER DATED 28 NOVEMBER 1974 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

AS YOUR EXCELLENCY IS AWARE, SINCE 25 APRIL 1974, PORTUGAL HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN A PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION THAT HAS ALREADY LED TO THE RECOGNITION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND THE FORMATION, IN MOZAMBIQUE, OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT HEADED BY THE FRENTE DE LIBERTACAO DE MACAMBIQUE (FREIMO); INDEPENDENCE OF THE LATTER TERRITORY WAS SET FOR 25 JUNE 1975.

THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION OF OTHER TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION ARE THE SUBJECT OF A LETTER ADDRESSED BY ME TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND A COPY OF THAT LETTER IS ENCLOSED.

A/

IN CONFORMITY WITH STATEMENTS MADE ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE PARTICIPATION OF VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION.

ON 5 SEPTEMBER 1974, A LETTER WAS SENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY REITERATING THE WILLINGNESS OF MY GOVERNMENT TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND AFFIRMING THE READINESS OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF PORTUGAL TO DISCUSS THE SENDING OF VISITING MISSIONS TO THE TERRITORIES, B/ AS REFERRED TO BY THE RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/AC.109/457. C/ UNCLASSIFIED

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I HAVE NOTED WITH PLEASURE THAT PARTIES INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR APPROVAL FOR THAT PROJECT.

THEREFORE, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXTEND A FORMAL INVITATION FOR A MISSION APPOINTED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO VISIT ANY OF THE TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION FOR SUCH PERIOD OF TIME AS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED

APPROPRIATE.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF PORTUGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS IS
READY TO INITIATE CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING VISITING MISSIONS,
BELIEVING THAT THEIR PRESENCE IN THE TERRITORIES WILL CONTRIBUTE
FOR THE VERIFICATION IN LOCO OF THE SINCERITY AND
HONESTY OF THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS BEING CARRIED OUT BY
THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

(SIGNED) JOSE' VIEGA SIMAO
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

A/ FOR THE TEXT OF THE LETTER, SEE A/9885.

B/ A/9623 (PART IV), CHAP, III, ANNEX III.

C/ IBID., CHAP. III, PARA. 13.

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